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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S VISIT TO NORTHERN ITALY

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1. DURING COURSE OF MY MAY 15-22 VISIT
TO GENOA, TURIN, MILAN AND TRIESTE, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS
ARE PLANNING TO HOLD SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN MY HONOR. GIVEN
THE PRESENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED
ON PCI TICKETS, THE QUESTION ARISES OF INVITATIONS TO
AT LEAST A FEW OF THEM TO THE PLANNED SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.
WE HAVE CANVASSED THE FOUR POSTS TO BE VISITED AND
ASCERTAINED THAT IN TURIN AND TRIESTE THE "COMMUNIST
PROBLEM" DOES NOT ARISE. GENOA PROPOSES INVITING TO ITS
RECEPTION ANGELO CAROSSINO, PRESIDENT OF THE LIGURIAN
REGIONAL GIUNTA, AND MILAN PROPOSES INVITING VITTORIO
KORACH, VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY, AND ROBERT VITALI,
PRESIDENT OF THE MILAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

2. IN THE COURSE OF MY CALLS ON LOCAL OFFICIALS, I
WILL BE MEETING WITH ALL OF THE THREE ABOVE-MENTIONED
INDIVIDUALS. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, FAILURE TO
INVITE THEM TO THE PLANNED RECEPTIONS WOULD BE A
VIOLATION OF LOCAL PROTOCOL AND COULD BE INTERPRETED
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AS A DIRECT SNUB. OUR READING OF GUIDELINES CON-
TAINED IN REFTEL WOULD PERMIT INVITATIONS OF NATURE
DESCRIBED TO BE EXTENDED. HOWEVER, BEFORE PROVIDING
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONSTITUENT POSTS, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH INVITATIONS
WOULD CONFORM TO CURRENT POLICY GUIDELINES.

3. WE HAVE DECIDED TO REJECT PROPOSALS TO INVITE
COMMUNIST DEPUTIES, CITY COUNCILMEN, AND MEMBERS OF
REGIONAL COMMITTEES. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION
THAT THIS IS ALSO IN CONFORMITY WITH POLICY GUIDELINES.
GARDNER

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